Problems of women being trafficked

884. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the position of the problems of women being trafficked within the country;

(b) whether this problem has been taken serious cognizance by Government; and

(c) the rescue and rehabilitation measures for victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) A study commissioned by Ministry of Women and Child Development on 'Girls and Women in Prostitution in India' and conducted by Gram Niyojan Kendra, 2004, shows that significant number of women are trafficked within the country for Commercial Sexual Exploitation. Ministry of Women and Child Development runs Swadhar Shelter Homes which provide shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, counselling, rehabilitation and other facilities to women in difficult circumstances including victims of trafficking. A Pilot Project on combating trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation is also being implemented. A 'Comprehensive Scheme for Prevention of Trafficking and Rescue, Rehabilitation and re-integration of Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation' has been included in the Annual Plan 2007-08. The scheme has specific components for prevention of trafficking, rescue, rehabilitation and repatriation of victims. The Central Advisory Committee on combating Child Prostitution headed by Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India reviews the State's activities in combating trafficking and prostitution every quarter. The Ministry of Women and Child Development also conducts advocacy, awareness generation, sensitisation programme for prevention of trafficking.

Adverse impact of measures against trafficking

885. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in the case of international women trafficking, it is a fact that the measures taken have gone to the extent of harassing women coming into the country as tourists;

(b) whether there is a report by United States Government, outlining the inability of the country to curb trafficking; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per information given by Ministry of Home Affairs, there are no incidents reported on women tourists being harassed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Trafficking in Persons Report 2007 of United State Government does not adequately reflect the measures taken by Government of India through the concerned